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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON PKK VIOLENCE (SEPTEMBER 8-15, 2009)

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

¶2. (U) During the September 8-15, 2009, ten security officials were killed and ten were injured. Out of ten who were kill, eight died in clashes with the PKK in Siirt and Hakkari provinces on September 8, and two in a PKK landmine explosion in the Van province on September 9. Out of ten who were injured, four were hurt in clashes with the PKK in Siirt and Sirnak provinces on September 8 and 13 and six in a PKK landmine explosion in the Van province on September 9. The total number of security force casualties for the year through September 15, was 51 killed and 83 injured.

¶3. (U) During the same period, three PKK militants were killed in clashes in the Hakkari province on September 9 and 10. Two PKK militants were captured in the Hakkari province on September 9 and ¶12. Five PKK militants surrendered in the Sirnak and Bingol provinces on September 9 and 13. According to official TGS website figures, through the second week of September the number of PKK militants killed and injured this year was 39, the number of those captured was 46, and the number of those who surrendered was 92.

¶4. (U) During the reporting period one civilian was killed and another was injured when they stepped on a PKK landmine in the Diyarbakir province on September 11. The total number of civilian casualties for the year through the end of the second week of September, was 12 killed and 23 wounded.

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